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Sazed and Tindwyl continue their research into the Hero of Ages, uncovering new clues from historical texts. Tindwyl discovers a direct reference to the prophecy in the biography of Helenntion, a survivor of the Council of Khlennium, which clarifies that the Hero won't be Terris. This contrasts with earlier thirdhand accounts, providing a more reliable source. The passage mentions the Rabzeen, a figure some believed was either the Hero or the Conqueror, adding depth to their understanding of the prophecy. Sazed, though fatigued, remains eager to analyze the new information, recognizing its potential significance.

The duo relies on Kwaan's testimony from the Conventical of Seran to decode the terminology, linking the Rabzeen and Anamnesor to the Hero of Ages. This breakthrough allows them to reinterpret historical records with fresh context, as many references to these figures had previously gone unnoticed. Sazed reflects on how much knowledge has been lost over time, emphasizing the importance of their work in piecing together fragmented lore. Tindwyl's discovery validates their approach, proving that cross-referencing sources can yield valuable insights despite the challenges of translation and cultural reinterpretation.

Tindwyl's skepticism about prophecies and religion surfaces, contrasting with Sazed's more open-minded perspective. She views their research as a historical exercise rather than a spiritual one, criticizing what she sees as the perpetuation of myths. Sazed gently challenges her stance, pointing out the irony of her involvement in their current project. Their debate highlights the tension between empirical history and faith, with Sazed arguing for the value of religious texts as cultural artifacts. This exchange underscores their differing philosophies while showcasing their mutual respect and shared dedication to uncovering the truth.

As the chapter concludes, their exhaustion becomes apparent, yet their determination remains unwavering. Tindwyl's weeks of sleepless research and Sazed's intermittent rest underscore the urgency of their mission. The new clues they've gathered—particularly the connection between the Rabzeen and the Hero of Ages—bring them closer to solving the mystery. Their collaboration, despite their differing viewpoints, proves effective as they combine historical rigor with theological insight. The chapter ends on a note of cautious optimism, with both characters aware of the limited time they have to decipher the prophecy's true meaning.

